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Serial No.: 09/812,529)
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Art Unit: 2812)
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Examiner: R. Booth)
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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A)
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, as revised on February 4, 1992, 1135 OG 23-24, Applicant hereby calls the Examiner's attention to the document listed on the attached form, which document may be material to the examination of this application. A copy of the reference is enclosed.

Applicant also wishes to bring to the Examiner's attention related application no. 09/615,842. The undersigned does not yet have a copy of this application. As soon as it is received, it will be sent to the Examiner.

No interference should be drawn that any apparatus disclosed is equivalent to the subject invention.

The citation of the above discussed document is not to be construed as an assertion that more pertinent art could not possibly be in existence. Citation of any document herein is not to be construed as an admission that any subject matter disclosed in the document is necessarily within the inventive field of endeavor, that any disclosure is necessarily prior in time to a particular date

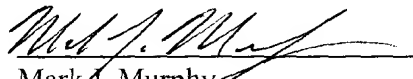
which may be relevant to the instant patent application, and/or that any disclosure is otherwise necessarily prior art with respect to the instant invention.

Applicant also respectfully reserves the right to later set forth how the instant invention is distinguished over the disclosure of any document or other art, including the disclosure of the document discussed herein, that may be cited by the Examiner in rejecting a claim in the instant patent application.

No fee is believed to be due. If any fee is due, please charge our deposit account no. 50-1039.

Respectfully submitted,

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